

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

By the amendment filed May 17, 2007, please delete the three following paragraphs that were added to page 5, between lines 19 and 20:

--Figure 7 is a view similar to Figure 1 but wherein the axis of the external threading of the locking sleeve is laterally offset in relation to the axis of the pin.

Figure 8 is a view similar to Figures 1 and 7, but wherein the axis of the bore of the locking sleeve is angularly offset in relation to the axis of the external threading of the locking sleeve.

Figure 9 is a view similar to Figures 1, 7 and 8, but wherein the axis of the bore of the locking sleeve is lateral in relation to the axis of the external threading of the locking sleeve. In this figure, the locking sleeve has been represented as if the pin were not present. Otherwise, it would have been difficult to show that the left part of the axial bore locks the pin.--